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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6711th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

Monday, 6 February 2012

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM)

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by Mr. Kobsak Chutikul, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Head of the Unit on Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries, UNCTAD, on preparations for the thirteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, on Friday, 10 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 2 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal meeting of the plenary on the monitoring mechanism to follow-up on all commitments related to Africa's development needs, will take place on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1(NLB). A letter from the co-facilitators was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The co-facilitators will hold follow-up consultations with major groups as follows:

African Group:
Thursday, 16 February 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB);

Group of 77 and China:
Friday, 17 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Western European and Other States Group:
Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and

United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions:
Wednesday, 14 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings, was sent to the e-mail addresses that all permanent missions and delegations concerned have provided to the Protocol and Liaison Service and are contained in the Blue Book.

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation)
Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Open meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Proposals for a more effective utilization of resources for air travel

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Fiftieth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2012/2) . . . . . [3]

(c) Emerging issues: youth: poverty and unemployment (E/CN.5/2012/8)

Panel discussion on "Youth: poverty and unemployment"

3–6 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2012/2) [3]

(a) Priority theme: poverty eradication (E/CN.5/2012/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/1, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/2, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/3, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/4, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/5, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/6, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/7, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/8, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/9, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/10, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/11, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/12, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/13, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/14, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/15, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/16, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/17, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/18, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/19, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/20, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/21, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/22, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/23, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/24, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/25, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/26, E/CN.5/2012/NGO/27 and E/CN.5/2012/NGO/28)

General discussion (continued and concluded)

[To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fiftieth session of the Commission, please *click here*.]

[The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services. Delegates are also requested to provide an electronic version of their statement to lamrabat@un.org, so that statements could be made available on the Web site of the Commission. Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at the following address: <http://social.un.org/index/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD50Session.aspx>.]

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 regular session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council (E/C.2/2012/CRP.2) [4 (a)]

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2011/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2011/CRP.3) [3 (a)]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions. Delegations and participants attending the session are encouraged to carry their laptops and tablet devices to avail themselves of ePublish and print-on-demand services through the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat.]

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefing, on cooperation with the African Union and other regional partnerships; and child protection, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on *Monday, 6 February 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

The informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on *Monday, 6 February 2012*, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family", under agenda item 3 (b), convened by the facilitator, Mr. Ahmad Azizi (Qatar), will take place on *Monday, 6 February 2012*, from *11.30 a.m.* to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development", under agenda item 3, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim Elbahi (Sudan), will take place on *Monday, 6 February 2012*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development", under agenda item 2, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), will take place on *Monday, 6 February 2012*, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i), convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Ana Marie Hernando (Philippines), will take place on *Monday, 6 February 2012*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Poverty eradication", under agenda item 3 (a), convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, will take place on *Monday, 6 February 2012*, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Other meetings

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Monday, 6 February 2012

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting ... Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Social Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting ... Conference Room D (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting ... Conference Room 7 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting ... Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (meeting of the New York Committee)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting ... Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Other activities

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Monday, 6 February 2012

Special event on "The role of the faith-based organizations and interfaith initiatives in reconciliation and peacemaking" (on the occasion of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (1–7 February 2012), as proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 65/5 (A/RES/65/5)) (organized by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Satanay Eshak, Office of the Permanent Observer for OIC (e-mail seshak@oicun.org; tel. 1 (212) 883-0140).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 6 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m.[1] . . . . . Ms. Nihal Saad, Spokesperson for the President of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly

Second floor stakeout (NLB)

12 noon[1] . . . . . Dr. Marty Natalegawa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (on the hand-over ceremony for the deposit of Indonesia's instrument of ratification to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT))

[1]Approximately.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Friday, 10 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB), on HIV and other health-related issues, and peacekeeping.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Fourth session

The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 February 2012, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/CONF.217/PC.IV/L.1.

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials on the ATT process can be found at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/index.htm>. For inquiries concerning the Web site, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2012 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2012 substantive session from Tuesday, 21 February, to Friday, 16 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the Secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-

1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document A/AC.121/2012/L.1. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee has been issued in documents A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1 and has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (21–22 February) will be open on Tuesday, 7 February, at 9.30 a.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat, as of the above date (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (917) 963-5305)). In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2012 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 23 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room IN-608E; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)), the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2012.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold its organizational session from Tuesday, 7 February, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2. The opening of the session will be on Tuesday, 7 February, at 10 a.m. The Council will have before it document E/2012/L.1, submitted by the President of the Council (Slovakia) and members of the Bureau.

Briefings

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special briefing followed by an interactive discussion on the current economic and financial situation, on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The special briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). Keynote speakers are Professor Peter Diamond, Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 2010 Nobel Economics Laureate; Professor Carmen Reinhart, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics; and Professor Jagdish Bhagwati at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Robert Vos, Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

There will be a briefing by the Director, Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, followed by an interactive discussion on the current global economic outlook and the related policy challenges based on the findings of the recently released *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2012* report, on Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social

Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Vos (e-mail vos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4838).

There will be a briefing by the Acting Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, on Friday, 10 February 2012, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Liu Huan Yu (e-mail liuh@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2902).

Informal meeting

On Thursday, 9 February 2012, the Economic and Social Council will hold a preparatory meeting for its biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), to be held during its 2012 substantive session. The preparatory meeting will take place in Conference Room 7 (NLB), and will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia).

The morning session, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will consist of an interactive panel discussion on the topic "New dynamics of development cooperation: challenges and opportunities". The interactive discussion will be moderated by Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator and Director of the Partnerships Bureau, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The afternoon session, from 3 to 6 p.m., will consist of an interactive panel discussion on the topic "Gearing development cooperation towards sustainable development". The interactive discussion will be moderated by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. (212) 963-4946).

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development", under agenda item 2, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), will take place on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", under item 3 (b) (i), convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Ana Marie Hernando (Philippines), will take place on Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal briefing

The Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), will hold an informal briefing to provide updates on the preparations for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Tuesday, 14 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The briefing will be followed by a presentation of the draft agreed conclusions by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mr. Carlos Garcia (El Salvador). All interested delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Fifty-sixth session

The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 27 February, to Friday, 9 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 February, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2012/1 and E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.

List of participants and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission and observers who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room IN-0603C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Due to the *limited seating available* in Conference Room 4 (NLB), where the Commission will be meeting from Tuesday, 28 February, only those observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 23 February 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges", on Monday, 27 February 2012, at 3 p.m., in two parallel meetings, with round table A in Conference Room 4 (NLB) and round table B in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The composition of the round tables has been posted on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm#panelA>.

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room IN-0603B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers will be opened on *Monday, 6 February 2012*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Catalina de Leon accordingly (e-mail

leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 27 February 2012, in the morning, following the ceremonial and organizational part and keynote presentations, and will continue on Tuesday, 28 February, in the afternoon, and on Wednesday, 29 February, in the morning (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, from 1.30 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forty-third session

The forty-third session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 28 February, to Friday, 2 March 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mails leong@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room IN-0606 A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Further information on the session can be obtained on the Web site of the Commission <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

First regular session 2012

The 2012 first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Friday, 10 February 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/1.

Advance documentation for the session is available on the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_59924.html>.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Working Group of the General Assembly on the Reform of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (under agenda item 124) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Monday, 13 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Arab Group (First Committee experts)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

International Criminal Court: Working Group on Amendments

Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 24 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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High-level working session on "Urban futures: New mindset...North meets South" (as part of a dialogue series that began with the "Age of Connectivity: Cities, Magnets of Hope") (organized by the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) and sponsored by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[This meeting is open to members of permanent missions only. The media is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail habitatNY@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200; room DC2-0943).]

Special event on "Common ground for the common good" (to mark the concluding day of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (1–7 February 2012), as proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 65/5 (A/RES/65/5)) (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the NGO Community at the United Nations)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[Opening remarks would be delivered by the President of the General Assembly and the Deputy Secretary-General. All are invited to attend. Kindly register at <www.interfaithharmonyweek.info>, *by Sunday, 5 February 2012. Click here* for the message of the President of the General Assembly for the 40-day countdown to the Week. For further information, please contact Ms. Amena Cheema, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail cheema1@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4517).]

Workshop on "Trade law to promote economic growth" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (917) 623-2861).]

High-level briefing on "Challenges in the fight against transnational organized crime and drug trafficking: A system-wide response" (co-organized by the Co-Chairs of the United Nations System Task Force on Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Austria and Mexico)

Tuesday, 7 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend; non-governmental organizations are welcome to come based on seating availability. For further information, please contact Ms. Susana Castillo, UNODC (e-mail castillos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Briefing for Member States on "The revised modalities of the universal periodic review (Human Rights Council)" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 8 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Laila Bourhil, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (e-mail bourhil@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0646 or 1 (917) 767-4440).]

Tenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 9, and *Friday, 10 February 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Mr. Bela Hovy, Population Division, DESA (e-mail hovy@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9887); or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/population/meetings/tenthcoord2012/tenthcoord2012.htm>.]

Briefing for Members States on "The fifth and sixth meetings of the Global Forum on Migration and Development" (by the Special Ambassador for International Cooperation in Migration Issues, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland; the Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Mauritius; and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development) (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 9 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Bela Hovy, Population Division, DESA (e-mail hovy@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9887).]

UNITAR Workshop on "Key issues for negotiating the arms trade treaty" (organized in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union and the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Friday, 10 February 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 to 6 p.m., at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Sensitization seminar for members of the International Seabed Authority (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority)

Thursday, 16 February 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ching Suntaree, Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority (tel. 1 (212) 963-6411).]

Announcements

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The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

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Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

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Thursday, 9 February 2012;

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Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (*in Spanish*).

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Tuesday, 21 February 2012; and

Thursday, 23 February 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2012

Applications for the 2012 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 17 August 2012, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 10 February 2012*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site <www.un.org/law/ilfp>, or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Security Council

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Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room S-3035, 3rd floor, 405 East 42nd Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

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Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 3 February 2012

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Fiftieth session

6th meeting

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [3]

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disable Persons

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(iv) Family issues policies and programmes

The Commission heard a presentation by Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development.

The Commission engaged in an interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, during which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Mexico and Egypt.

Comments were made and questions were also posed by the observers for Australia and Norway.

The observer for the European Union also made a comment and posed a question.

The Special Rapporteur responded to the questions.

The Commission began its general discussion of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Zimbabwe, Japan, Argentina, China, the Republic of Korea, Ghana, Italy and Viet Nam.

Statements were also made by the observers for Denmark (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Iceland; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Serbia; as well as the Republic of Moldova and Armenia), Thailand, Austria, Romania, Norway and Malta.

The observer for the African Union also made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd; Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of North and South America; International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and International Network for the Prevention of Elderly Abuse (also on behalf of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People).

The Commission thus concluded its general discussion under agenda item 3 (b).

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Sudan) made a statement.

7th meeting

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [3]

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The Commission held a special event on "Financing of social development".

The Vice-Chair (Sudan) made opening remarks and welcomed the panellists and the Moderator for the special event.

The Moderator, Mr. Alex Trepelkov, Director of the Financing for Development Office in the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, also made opening remarks.

The Commission heard presentations by the following panellists: Mr. Elliot Harris, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to the United Nations; Ms. Christine Bockstal, Chief of the Technical Cooperation and Country Operations Group of the Social Security Department of the International Labour Organization (ILO); Ms. Eva-Maria Hanfstaengl, Co-founder and Director of Social Justice in Global Development; and Mr. Elias Eljuri Abraham, President of the National Institute of Statistics of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Following the presentations by the panellists, an interactive discussion ensued, during which interventions were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and France.

Comments were made and questions were also posed by observers for Poland and Sri Lanka.

The observer for the European Union also made a comment and posed questions to the panellists.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made comments and posed questions to the panellists: International Network for the Protection of Elder Abuse; Passionists International; Congregation of Our Lady of Charity for the Good Shepherd; Ivat International; and International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The panellists and the Moderator responded to the comments and questions.

The Vice-Chair (Sudan) made closing remarks.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Sudan) made a statement.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2012 regular session

9th meeting

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [3 (a)]

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, China, India, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Belgium, Israel, the Sudan, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, Cuba, the United States, Turkey, Morocco and Senegal, as well as by the observer from Somalia.

Statements were also made by the Chair and the Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to four non-governmental organizations.

10th meeting

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [3 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Belgium, Senegal, the United States and Morocco.

Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council [4 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Turkey, the United States, Belgium, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicaragua and Israel.

The Deputy Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council [4 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, Cuba, the United States, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Sudan, Israel and India.

The representatives of Turkey, India, Morocco, Israel, the Sudan, Belgium, Cuba and China, as well as the observer for Palestine, posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Islamic Relief USA; Voluntary Service Overseas; and WITNESS.

The Committee decided to recommend that general consultative status be granted to two non-governmental organizations.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003

Consent to be bound: Lao People's Democratic Republic (2 February 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi

Asia-Pacific States:
Maldives
H.E. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Yuriy Sergeyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom
H.E. Sir Mark Lyall Gran

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
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	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
A/AC.121/2012/L.2	Draft programme of work [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
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